

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

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5 The present invention allows a structure of an  
entire system including various peripheral devices to  
be visually confirmable, allows a user to easily grasp  
or see the entire system, and allows the entire system  
to be effectively used. Thus, a CPU acquires a  
resource information structure and a status of each  
peripheral device by communicating with these devices,  
and a virtual system configuration display unit causes  
10 a display unit to display a system configuration based  
on the acquired resource information structure and each  
peripheral device status such that specific icons  
capable of being discriminated for respective functions  
are displayed to be connected on a virtual network  
15 path.